Message

From: Wortman, Eric [Wortman.Eric@epa.gov]

Sent: 12/9/2021 3:42:45 PM

To: Bird, Patrick [Bird.Patrick@epa.gov]
CC: Dain, Gregory [Dain.Greg@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: ERC Time of Use?

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1. The Permittee shall demonstrate that any NOx CERCs used for compliance are surplus, quantifiable, enforceable, and permanent. The Permittee shall submit the demonstration to the EPA prior to the Operational Phase Start Date. The demonstration shall include, at a minimum, 1) the source where the CERCs were generated; 2) the time period used to determine the CERCs; and 3) whether the CERCs have been adjusted to take into account the CAA and the Commonwealth's requirements in effect as of January 13, 2021 (the date SFW's application was deemed complete).

From: Bird, Patrick <Bird.Patrick@epa.gov> **Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021 10:10 AM **To:** Wortman, Eric <Wortman.Eric@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: ERC Time of Use?

Thanks for keeping me in the loop.

Pat

From: Wortman, Eric <<u>Wortman.Eric@epa.gov</u>>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Bird, Patrick <<u>Bird.Patrick@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: FW: ERC Time of Use?

FYI – latest exchange on the ERC adjustment issue....

From: Wortman, Eric

Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:39 AM **To:** Yannayon, Laura Yannayon.Laura@epa.gov

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Thanks Laura,

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Section 129(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-95 (note under 42 U.S.C. 7502)) states that the 1976 Ruling, as it may be modified, shall remain in effect, except that the baseline for determining emission offset credit "shall be the applicable implementation plan of the State in effect at the time of application for a permit * * The legislative history indicates that this provision was intended to eliminate the provision in the 1976 Ruling that the baseline was RACM where EPA had called for a SIP revision. But this provision was not intended to displace the provisions under the 1976 Ruling to accommodate special circumstances, giving credit only for reductions below the emissions allowed by existing requirements. For the foregoing reasons, the ruling is revised to eliminate the requirement that the baseline be RACM where EPA has called for SIP revisions.

Thanks for all your help,

Eric

From: Yannayon, Laura < Yannayon.Laura@epa.gov Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Wortman, Eric < Wortman. Eric@epa.gov>

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Laura

Appendix S:

IV. Sources That Would Locate in a Designated Nonattainment Area

- C. Baseline for determining credit for emission and air quality offsets. The baseline for determining credit for emission and air quality offsets will be the SIP emission limitations in effect at the time the application to construct or modify a source is filed. Thus, credit for emission offset purposes may be allowable for existing control that goes beyond that required by the SIP. Emission offsets generally should be made on a pounds per hour basis when all facilities involved in the emission offset calculations are operating at their maximum expected or allowed production rate. The reviewing agency should specify other averaging periods (e.g., tons per year) in addition to the pounds per hour basis if necessary to carry out the intent of this Ruling. When offsets are calculated on a tons per year basis, the baseline emissions for existing sources providing the offsets should be calculated using the actual annual operating hours for the previous one or two year period (or other appropriate period if warranted by cyclical business conditions). Where the SIP requires certain hardware controls in lieu of an emission limitation (e.g., floating roof tanks for petroleum storage), baseline allowable emissions should be based on actual operating conditions for the previous one or two year period (i.e., actual throughput and vapor pressures) in conjunction with the required hardware controls.
- D. Location of offsetting emissions. The owner or operator of a new or modified major stationary source may comply with any offset requirement in effect under this Ruling for increased emissions of any air pollutant only by obtaining emissions reductions of such air pollutant from the same source or other sources in the same nonattainment area, except that the reviewing authority may allow the owner or operator of a source to obtain such emissions reductions in another nonattainment area if the conditions under paragraphs IV.D.1 and 2 of this Ruling are met.
- 1. The other area has an equal or higher nonattainment classification than the area in which the source is located.
- 2. Emissions from such other area contribute to a violation of the national ambient air quality standard in the nonattainment area in which the source is located.

Laura

From: Wortman, Eric < Wortman. Eric @epa.gov > Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:20 AM

To: Yannayon, Laura < Yannayon. Laura@epa.gov >; Beckham, Lisa < BECKHAM. LISA@EPA.GOV >

Cc: Bird, Patrick < Bird. Patrick@epa.gov>

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From: Yannayon, Laura < Yannayon. Laura@epa.gov > Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:27 AM

To: Beckham, Lisa < BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV>; Wortman, Eric < Wortman.Eric@epa.gov>

Cc: Bird, Patrick <Bird.Patrick@epa.gov>

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From: Beckham, Lisa < <u>BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:15 AM

To: Wortman, Eric < Wortman. Eric@epa.gov>; Yannayon, Laura < Yannayon. Laura@epa.gov>

Cc: Bird, Patrick <Bird.Patrick@epa.gov>

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Maybe you could also cite CAA section 173(c)(2).

(2) Emission reductions otherwise required by this chapter shall not be creditable as emissions reductions for purposes of any such offset requirement. Incidental emission reductions which are not otherwise required by this chapter shall be creditable as emission reductions for such purposes if such emission reductions meet the requirements of paragraph (1).

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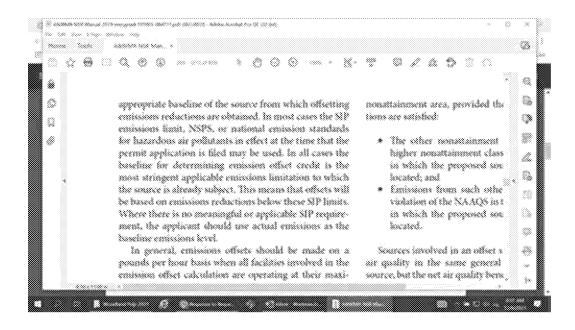
From: Wortman, Eric < Wortman. Eric@epa.gov > Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:33 AM

To: Yannayon, Laura < Yannayon.Laura@epa.gov>; Beckham, Lisa < BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV>

Cc: Bird, Patrick <Bird.Patrick@epa.gov>

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From: Yannayon, Laura < Yannayon. Laura@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:57 PM

To: Wortman, Eric < Wortman. Eric@epa.gov >; Beckham, Lisa < BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV >

Cc: Bird, Patrick < Bird. Patrick@epa.gov>

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Hi Eric,

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Laura

From: Wortman, Eric < Wortman. Eric@epa.gov > Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 7:37 AM

To: Yannayon, Laura < Yannayon.Laura@epa.gov >; Beckham, Lisa < BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV >

Cc: Bird, Patrick < Bird. Patrick@epa.gov>

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Hi Laura & Lisa,

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Do you have any experience or input on this?	
Thanks,	
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